

# Derby City Council

## News Release

### Specialist heritage restoration company awarded Market Hall contract

Derby City Council has awarded a £5m contract to Wates Construction for the first phase of a three-year project to transform the Market Hall and drive its economic regeneration.

The first phase of the project will see the significant improvement to the building's glazed panelling, copper roof and stonework.

It will start with the installation of an extensive bespoke scaffolding structure which will allow traders to operate as normal during the restoration works. The installation of the scaffolding will start in the spring and end in the autumn followed by building surveys that will inform the extent of the work required.

Wates will engage a local supply chain and provide training and employment opportunities for the people of Derby, ensuring it leaves behind a skills and economic boost for the city.

Derby-based company Pick Everard have been appointed as technical project manager.

**Cllr Martin Rawson, Deputy Leader, Derby City Council with responsibility for regeneration and the economy said:** "We have pledged to redevelop the Market Hall into a modern, vibrant and bustling destination. The appointment of these contractors is the start of a three-year project to transform the building and its offer to attract a wider cross section of people and drive a stronger footfall in the city centre. The Labour administration has secured in the region of £5m for the works on the roof."

**John Carlin, Business Unit Director, Wates Construction Midlands, said:** "The Market Hall is the crown jewel of Derby's independent retail sector, and is rightly a source of pride for local people. It is therefore a privilege for Wates to help secure the building's future by carrying out this refurbishment. Throughout the project, we are committed to it being business as usual for traders and shoppers, and to ensure that none of the building's historic charm is lost as part of the transformation process. We will work very closely with the Council, Pick Everard and the market traders to make this project a success, and to secure the future of the building for generations to come."

**Matt Hall, Director at Pick Everard said:** "The Market Hall building is a hugely important landmark for Derby and will continue to be an integral part of the city. The wider regeneration of the Market Hall is a pivotal scheme to ensure the city has a future for ongoing growth. We are delighted to be part of the project team working in close

collaboration with Derby City Council, Wates and other stakeholders to ensure the smooth delivery of this and other projects across the region.”

Wates Construction has a track record in heritage restoration projects with an extensive portfolio across the UK, including the £18.7m refurbishment and remodelling of the Grade I listed Royal Hospital Chelsea and a £28m below-ground new build project to the Grade I listed Victoria & Albert Museum, London. In the East Midlands, recent projects have included the regeneration of Sneinton Market in Nottingham’s Creative Quarter and the restoration of historic factory units on Nottingham’s Dakeyne Street to create lettable commercial space for the city’s emerging creative businesses.

The Market Hall, originally designed by Derbyshire engineer Rowland Mason Ordish, is located within Derby’s City Centre Conservation Area, which also contains Derby Cathedral, the Silk Mill and the Guildhall Theatre.

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:**

- A detailed media briefing will be held in the spring before the first stage of works starts.
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